

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1. (Currently Amended)** A recombinant BCG vaccine being transformed with an expression vector that has a polynucleotide encoding a ~~foreign antigenic protein~~ an antigenic human immunodeficiency virus protein, wherein the polynucleotide is artificially modified so that the third position of each codon is substituted with G or C without changing the amino acid ~~sequence~~ encoded by the codon.

**2. (Currently Amended)** The recombinant BCG vaccine of Claim 1, wherein the first and second positions of each codon is further substituted with G or C without changing the amino acid ~~sequence~~ encoded by the codon.

**3. (Cancelled)**